

Appl. No. 10/634,023
Amdt. dated Mar. 29, 2005
Reply to Office Action of Dec. 30, 2004

Amendments to the Drawings:

The attached three sheets of formal drawings replace the original sheets including FIGS. 8 – 10C. No changes have been made.

Attachment: Formal drawings (three sheets).

REMARKS

Applicants acknowledge with appreciation the allowability of the subject matter of claims 4 – 7 and 10 – 13, if rewritten in independent form.

In the Office Action, claims 1 and 8 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a), as allegedly obvious, over U.S. Patent No. 5,776,011 to Su (“the Su patent”) in view of U.S. Patent No. 5,524,331 to Lo (“the Lo patent”). Claims 2, 3 and 9 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a), as allegedly obvious, over the Su patent in view of the Lo patent and Japanese Publication No. 2002-165902.

Also, claims 1 and 8 were provisionally rejected under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting in light of pending U.S. Application No. 10/316,453 (“the ‘453 application”)

In response to this provisional rejection, Applicants submit the accompanying Terminal Disclaimer, disclaiming the terminal part of any patent issuing from this application that otherwise would extend beyond the expiration date of any patent issued from the ‘453 application.

By this Amendment, Applicants have canceled claims 1- 19 and have added claims 20 – 47, directed to subject matter indicated allowable by the Examiner. More particularly, two independent claims are provided. Independent claim 20 generally includes the features set forth in allowable claim 4, and independent claim 34 generally includes the features set forth in allowable claim 10.

Also, by this Amendment, for readability and clarity, and not for reasons related to patentability, Applicants have amended the specification to include additional recitations of reference numerals, as well as, various other amendments for readability and clarity. No new matter has been added. Three sheets of formal drawings for FIGS. 8 – 10C are also enclosed.

The application should be in condition for allowance. If any matters remain outstanding after consideration of this Amendment that the Examiner believes might be

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expedited by a telephone conference with Applicants' representative, the Examiner is respectfully requested to call the undersigned attorney at the number indicated below.

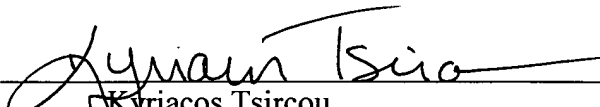
Please charge any fees due in connection with the issuance of this application, including the issue fee, to our Deposit Account 19-1853.

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